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Report of the Committee for Development Policy

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/206 of 20 December 1991,

Expressing its conviction that no country graduating from the least developed country category should have its positive development disrupted or reversed but should be able to continue and sustain its progress and development,

Emphasizing the need for putting in place a process for smooth transition of countries graduating out of the group of least developed countries,

1. *Takes note* of chapter IV of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its fifth session[1] and the conclusions contained therein, inter alia, that Cape Verde and Maldives qualified for graduation from the list of least developed countries;[2]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2004, a report including recommendations on how to formulate a smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from least developed country status;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare the report in an inclusive and transparent manner with the involvement of Member States, in particular the least developed countries, as well as bilateral and multilateral donors and relevant international organizations;

4. *Decides* to take a decision on a smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from least developed country status and on the graduation of Cape Verde and Maldives from the list of least developed countries at its substantive session of 2004.

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[1] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2003, Supplement No. 13* (E/2003/33).
[2] Ibid., para. 35 (b).

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